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**U.S. HIGHWAY 151 – BELMONT TO DICKEYVILLE
ENUMERATION**

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July 17, 1996

Governor Tommy Thompson
Transportation Projects Commission Members

Dear Governor Thompson and Commission Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to express our views on the improvement of USH 151 between Belmont and Dickeyville to a four-lane facility. USH 151 is the top transportation priority in southwestern Wisconsin, and I think you will see from the presentations made before the Commission today that this sentiment is shared by nearly everyone here.

Southwestern Wisconsin has few transportation options. The completion of USH 151 to a four-lane facility will have a significant impact on economic development in the entire region, not just on the communities directly served by the highway. In fact, as you will hear today, the completion of USH 151 is important to large areas of both the states of Wisconsin and Iowa.

I want to stress the fact that support for the project in the area is nearly unanimous. The counties, communities and businesses, along with many groups and agencies, have worked together for years in an effort to have this project completed. Although there have been some concerns expressed about specific design features, such as access or interchange location, these concerns have generally been minor. To our knowledge there is little or no objection in our region to the overall concept of a four-lane expressway along the currently proposed route.

Southwestern Wisconsin looks forward to continuing to work with you, our area legislators and the Department of Transportation to complete this important project.

Sincerely,

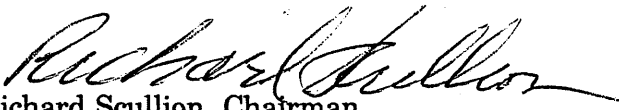

Richard Scullion, Chairman
Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

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I. INTRODUCTION

The booklet before you contains a summary narrative prepared by our planning commission staff. This narrative is a summary of issues and facts we expect will be brought before you today.

Some of these facts include:

- USH 151 is southwestern Wisconsin's top priority transportation project.
- Support for the project is nearly unanimous.
- The Belmont to Dickeyville project is the last portion of USH 151 in the state to be enumerated.
- Southwestern Wisconsin has few transportation alternatives.
- USH 151 is an important connector on a state and multi-state basis.
- This project will have significant impacts on economic development on regional, state and multi-state levels.

Also included is a list of speakers we expect will make oral presentations before the commission. These people represent a cross section of the counties, communities, businesses and agencies that are interested in the improvement of USH 151 through our area. We hope, and expect, that others present will also take this opportunity to speak regarding this project.

The remaining pages, which comprise the largest part of the booklet, contain resolutions and letters supporting the enumeration of the project between Belmont and Dickeyville and the completion of the entire USH 151 corridor between Fond du Lac and Dubuque to a four-lane highway.

II. LIST OF SPEAKERS

**FRANK HUNTINGTON, TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WAYNE WILSON, CHAIRMAN
LAFAYETTE COUNTY BOARD**

**CLARENCE SCHAUFF, CHAIRMAN
GRANT COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**DALE NEIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
MIKE SCHAUER, CHIEF OF POLICE
VILLAGE OF DICKYVILLE**

**TERRY DUGGAN, MAYOR + OTHERS
CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA**

**JAMES SCHNEIDER, DIRECTOR
GRANT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**AL PROBST, CITY MANAGER
CITY OF PLATTEVILLE**

III. PROJECT HISTORY

Plans to improve USH 151 between Fond du Lac and Dubuque, Iowa, to a four-lane highway have been under consideration at least since the mid-1950s when the Wisconsin Legislature took action endorsing a study of this corridor. In the 1970s, plans were developed for a four-lane freeway between Dodgeville and Mount Horeb. These plans were scrapped, however, when local concerns were raised about the affect of such a project on farmland and local property taxes. The project was redesigned as an expressway and the first segment, the Dodgeville bypass, was completed in 1980. Since then the completion of USH 151 between Madison and Dubuque has proceeded gradually. Currently, the highway is a four-lane expressway between Madison and Dodgeville; and Dubuque and Dickeyville. The Dickeyville to Sandy Hook and the Verona Bypass segments have been completed and opened since the last Transportation Projects Commission Hearing in 1994 (See Map 1).

Similar progress has been made on USH 151 north of Madison. A four-lane highway is currently in place between Madison and Beaver Dam (the Beaver Dam to Waupun segment is currently under construction), and plans are to complete the entire Beaver Dam to Fond du Lac segment by 2004.

As outlined above, the entire USH 151 corridor between Fond du Lac and Dubuque is either already constructed or scheduled for construction to a four-lane facility, except the Belmont to Dickeyville segment. Since January of 1995, the Belmont to Dickeyville segment has been the subject of a corridor planning study completed by Rust Environmental & Infrastructure under a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement has now been completed and this project is, therefore, before the Transportation Projects Commission for enumeration.

IV. TRANSPORTATION LINKAGES

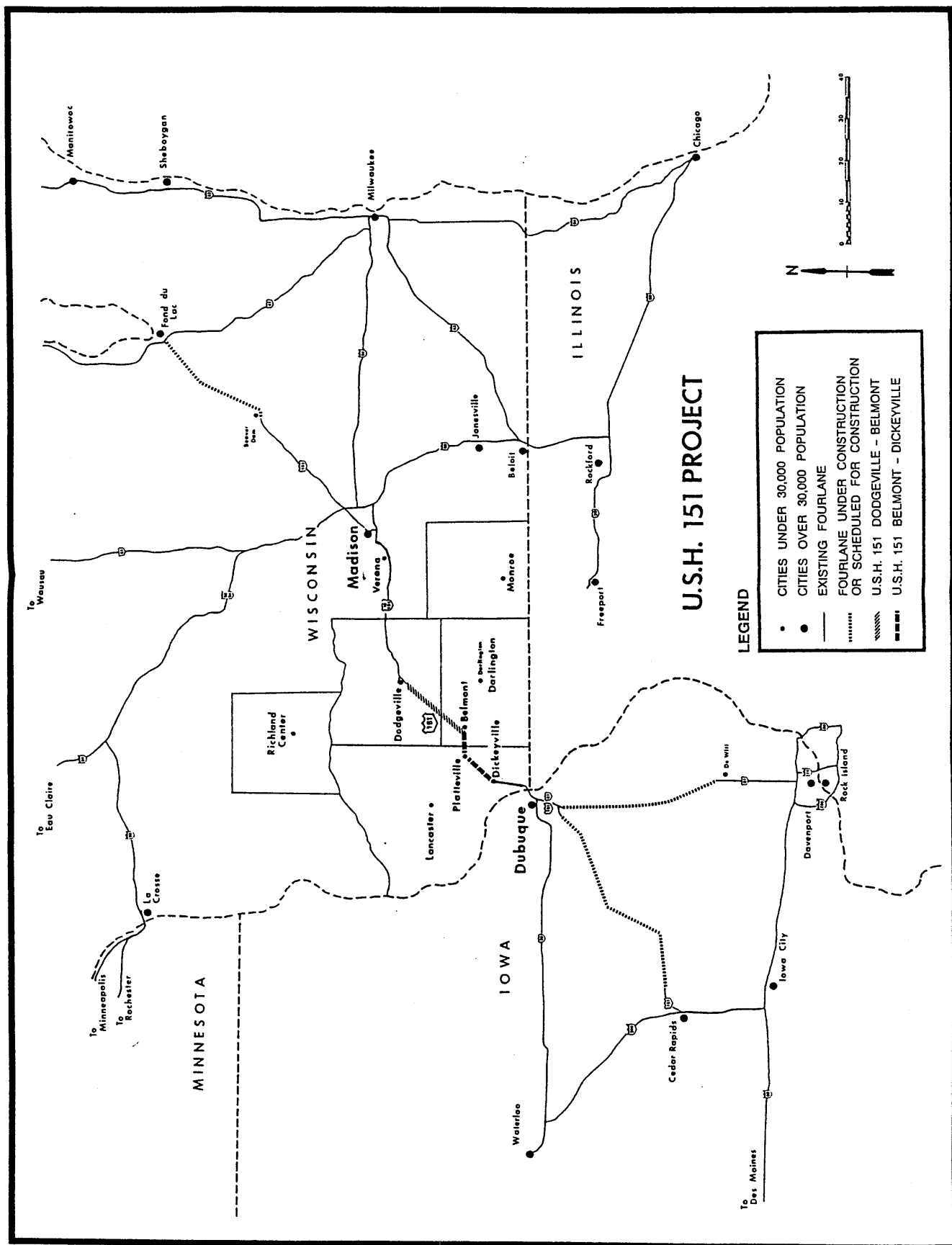
One of the strongest arguments for the upgrading of USH 151 to a four-lane highway is based on the need for transportation linkages. With regard to the project between Belmont and Dickeyville, these linkages can be explained on both a regional and state/multi-state level.

Regional

On a regional level, USH's 18, 61 and 151, and STH 11 comprise the backbone of southwestern Wisconsin's highway transportation system. USH 151 is the key to this entire system. The cities of Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Lancaster, Platteville, Cuba City and Darlington, as well as numerous villages, are all directly affected by the condition of USH 151.

Because of the rural nature of southwestern Wisconsin, and the high level of dependence on major population centers outside of the area, our highway connections are of vital importance to our communities, businesses and residents. Large numbers of the region's population living in Grant, Lafayette and Iowa counties travel to Dubuque and/or Madison for employment and major services. Many of our citizens travel long distances through two or three counties on a regular basis for jobs, shopping and services. Much of this traffic travels on USH 151.

MAP 1
 USH 151 PROJECT LOCATION
 AND
 CONNECTING FOUR-LANE SYSTEM



U.S.H. 151 PROJECT

LEGEND

- CITIES UNDER 30,000 POPULATION
- CITIES OVER 30,000 POPULATION
- EXISTING FOURLANE
- FOURLANE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION
- ~~~~~ U.S.H. 151 DODGEVILLE - BELMONT
- ~~~~~ U.S.H. 151 BELMONT - DICKEYVILLE

The need to improve highway transportation in the region is highlighted by the general lack of transportation alternatives. There is no intercity bus service between Madison and Dubuque. This service was discontinued in 1991. Rail transportation, despite the efforts of local rail transit commissions, was lost to nearly every community along the USH 151 corridor when the Chicago & Northwestern abandoned its line from Madison to Dodgeville, Lancaster, Platteville and Cuba City in 1980. A second blow was received when short line rail service to Mineral Point and Darlington was discontinued in 1985. In addition, the nearest commercial air transportation service is located in Madison and Dubuque. These facts help to reveal the degree of dependence the region has on its highway connections, and in particular USH 151.

State/Multi-State

In Wisconsin, USH 151 has been included as part of the state's multi-lane backbone highway system in the Corridor 2020 Plan. This designation recognizes the important role this corridor services, as the main connection between northeastern Wisconsin, south central Wisconsin, southwestern Wisconsin, the state of Iowa and a large portion of the southwestern United States. When completed, USH 151 will provide the only direct four-lane route connecting these regions. Currently, as seen on Map 1, the uncompleted portion of USH 151 between Dodgeville and Dickeyville represents one of the few remaining gaps in this route, and the Belmont to Dickeyville segment is the only project that has not already been scheduled for completion.

The state of Iowa and the city of Dubuque also recognized the importance of USH 151 when they worked together with Wisconsin to complete the City Island bridge across the Mississippi River in 1981. Since that time, USH 61/151 through Dubuque has been improved to an urban expressway and USH 20 (Dodge Street) in Dubuque is currently under construction.

Outside of Dubuque, USH 20 west to Waterloo is already a four-lane facility, and plans are to complete the connection to USH 65 by the year 2002, and to I-35 soon thereafter. In addition, the last segments of USH 61 south of Dubuque to the Quad-Cities area are scheduled for completion by 1998 and several segments of USH 151 to Cedar Rapids are programmed for construction during the next five years, with the remaining segments currently the subject of engineering studies. When these projects are completed, USH 151 between Dodgeville and Dickeyville in Wisconsin will be the only two-lane link connecting the four-lane highways of I-90, I-94, USH 151 and USH 51 in Wisconsin with USH 151, USH 61, USH 20, I-35 and I-80 in Iowa. With this in mind, not only should the Dickeyville to Dodgeville segment of USH 151 be enumerated for completion, it should be scheduled for completion within the next six years.

V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS

The area covered by the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission was formally designated an Economic Development District in 1986. As part of the basis for district designation, an area must have at least one county that has been designated by EDA as a Redevelopment Area under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965. Four of our five counties have been so designated--Grant, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland. Economic Development Districts have been determined to be statistically qualified for assistance from the Economic Development Administration.

As a result of concerns for economic development, there are a number of groups and agencies in southwestern Wisconsin that are working closely together for the good of the area. Improved transportation facilities is a high priority for all of these parties and the completion of USH 151 to a four-lane facility is the top transportation concern.

Part of the concern with regard to economic development is highlighted by the fact that the region has, over the years, consistently suffered from net out-migration. This trend is due, in large part, to poor employment opportunities. Between 1980 and 1990, for example, the region lost 2.3 percent of its population. Although this trend seems to be improving somewhat, out-migration and the availability of quality jobs are still major concerns.

In addition, the region is a net exporter of workers. This means that more workers commute outside of the region for employment than commute in. Despite this overall trend, it should also be noted that certain businesses and industries draw workers from outside of the area. This is significant because without good transportation, certain skilled workers may not be available to area businesses.

Nearly 3,000 jobs in the three-county area of Grant, Iowa and Lafayette Counties are held by persons who live outside this area. About 2.5 times that many (more than 7,300 area residents) commute to other areas for employment. An estimated 64 percent of all out-commuters (about 4,700) probably utilize USH Highway 151 to get to their jobs outside of the area. Among in-commuters, an estimated 22 percent (about 650 people) probably use USH 151 for their journey to work. It is estimated that every day about 6,600 people use this important highway for purposes of work, of which an estimated 1,250 (or 19 percent) is strictly "local" traffic in the sense that it remains within the three-county area.

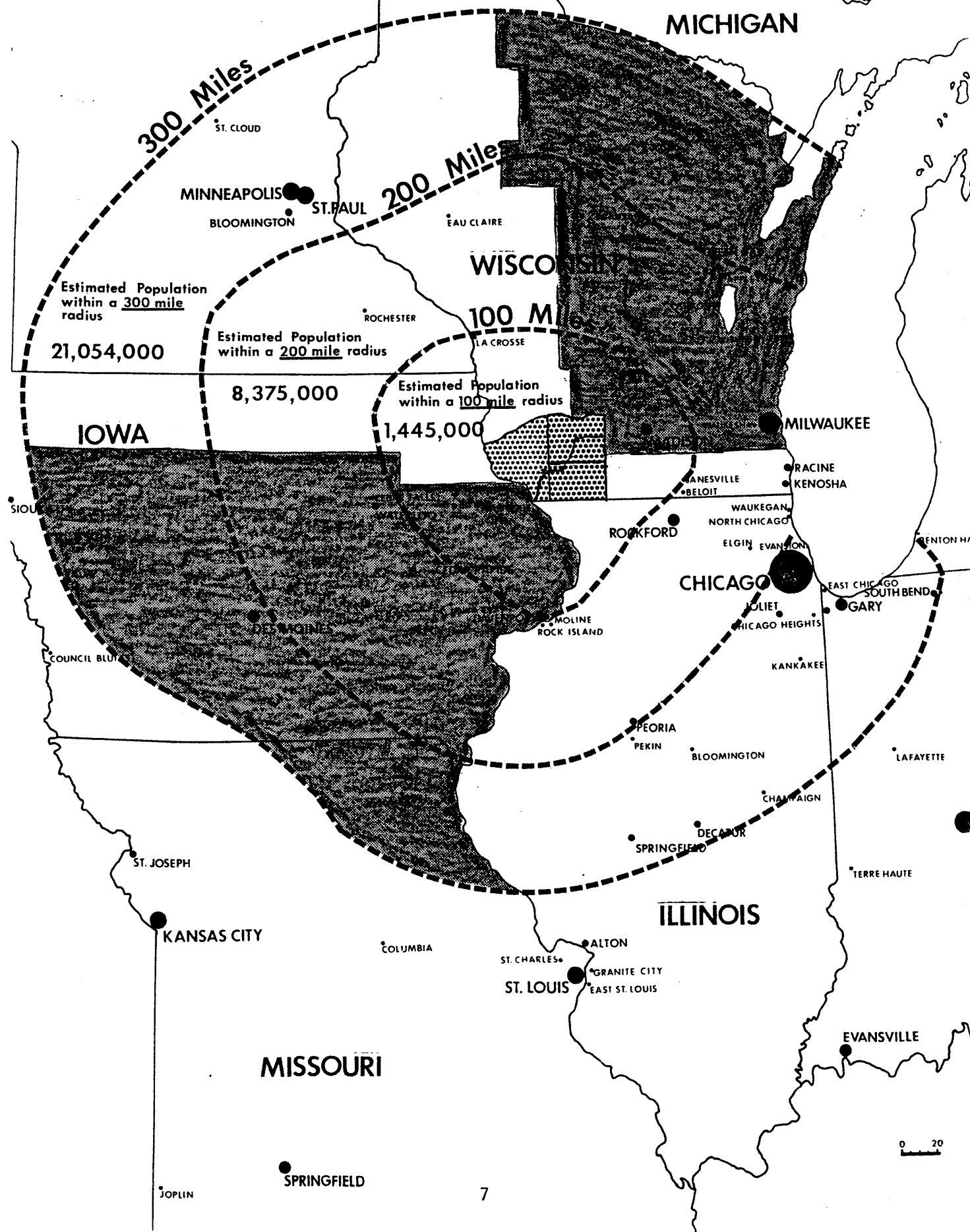
As noted in the Draft EIS, truck traffic represents approximately 13 percent of current and projected traffic on the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of USH 151. This is another indication of the importance of this route for moving goods and material for businesses, industry and agriculture in southwestern Wisconsin, as well as the state as a whole.

USH 151 is important not only because it connects Southwest Wisconsin with the important communities of Madison and Dubuque, but because the road directly connects us with two-thirds of the land area of Wisconsin, and about three-quarters of the State of Iowa and points beyond. Within a six hour drive in either direction, we are connected, via other highways, with an estimated six million people! If a person is traveling between Iowa and much of the State of Wisconsin, it is very likely that the route traveled will go through southwestern Wisconsin via USH 151. This highway is a key link for many people and many businesses in the area. When one looks at the connections made by this one highway, its importance to Wisconsin is obvious. It is one of only two Mississippi River crossings on primary arterial highways serving Wisconsin and Iowa. The nearest crossings are one hour's driving time to the north and south (See Map 2).

This project will fit in very well with what is planned in the State of Iowa regarding 4-lane corridors connecting Dubuque with Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and the Quad Cities. These five smaller metropolitan areas alone have a combined population of nearly 850,000! The average distance to these areas (excluding Dubuque) is only 103 miles from Platteville, or a two hour drive. The economic linkages are probably far greater than one would imagine and I firmly believe that there is substantial potential for the development of more linkages between those markets (and resources) in Iowa and local business and industry.

**SHADED AREA
WITHIN 300 MILES
OF PLATTEVILLE, WI
(VIA US 151 TO OTHER HIGHWAYS)**

**MAP 2
WISCONSIN-IOWA AREAS
CONNECTED VIA USH 151**



The communities of Platteville, Mineral Point, and Dodgeville located on USH 151, (as well as Cuba City, Darlington, Fennimore, Lancaster, Shullsburg and other nearby communities) have worked hard to build their capacities to undertake economic development. Much of their future success, it is almost certain, will be tied to having excellent access to the rest of the Midwest, the country and the world. It is widely acknowledged that access to 4-lane (interstate quality) highways rank as either the number 1 or the number 2 site location factor, along with a high quality work force.

Significant investments have been made by a number of area communities to further economic development. To give you some sense of what has been done in the area, the City of Platteville has, since 1987, invested about \$3.38 million to purchase land, make necessary water and sanitary sewer system improvements, construct roads, and develop Platteville Industry Park into a first class industrial park facility. Only about \$860,000 of the amount spent has been grant funds.

This is a \$2.52 million dollar commitment on the part of a relatively small community, but these efforts are paying off in jobs and added income! Currently, Platteville Industry Park has created about 250 jobs within seven companies. This pace, while it could be argued as somewhat impressive, is much too slow for the likes of those doing the promotion of the area. For that reason, the City, the Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation, and others have cooperated in the construction a shell building at a cost of \$213,000. Furthermore, the City will potentially need to make an estimated \$1,974,000 in future improvements to expand the park by an additional 76 acres which is currently owned by the City. Also, three additional buildings are to be constructed soon by private parties which represent relocations from within the community.

The City of Mineral Point has purchased land for future industrial use and a feasibility study has been undertaken which identifies a site layout and cost estimates (approximately \$680,000) for improvements to 61 acres of land. The proposed development activities are inextricably linked to USH 151 as a new four-lane facility. Indeed, many communities in the area have been making these types of investments. Cuba City, for example, has made investments in their industrial park to accommodate three companies, but have identified a need to make an additional \$2,000,000 in investments which include municipal road improvements and a new sewer main.

Map 3 provides a graphic depicting the location of existing or planned industrial and business parks in Grant, Iowa and Lafayette counties. Several of the existing facilities are new and fully developed.

VI. COMMUNITY IMPACTS

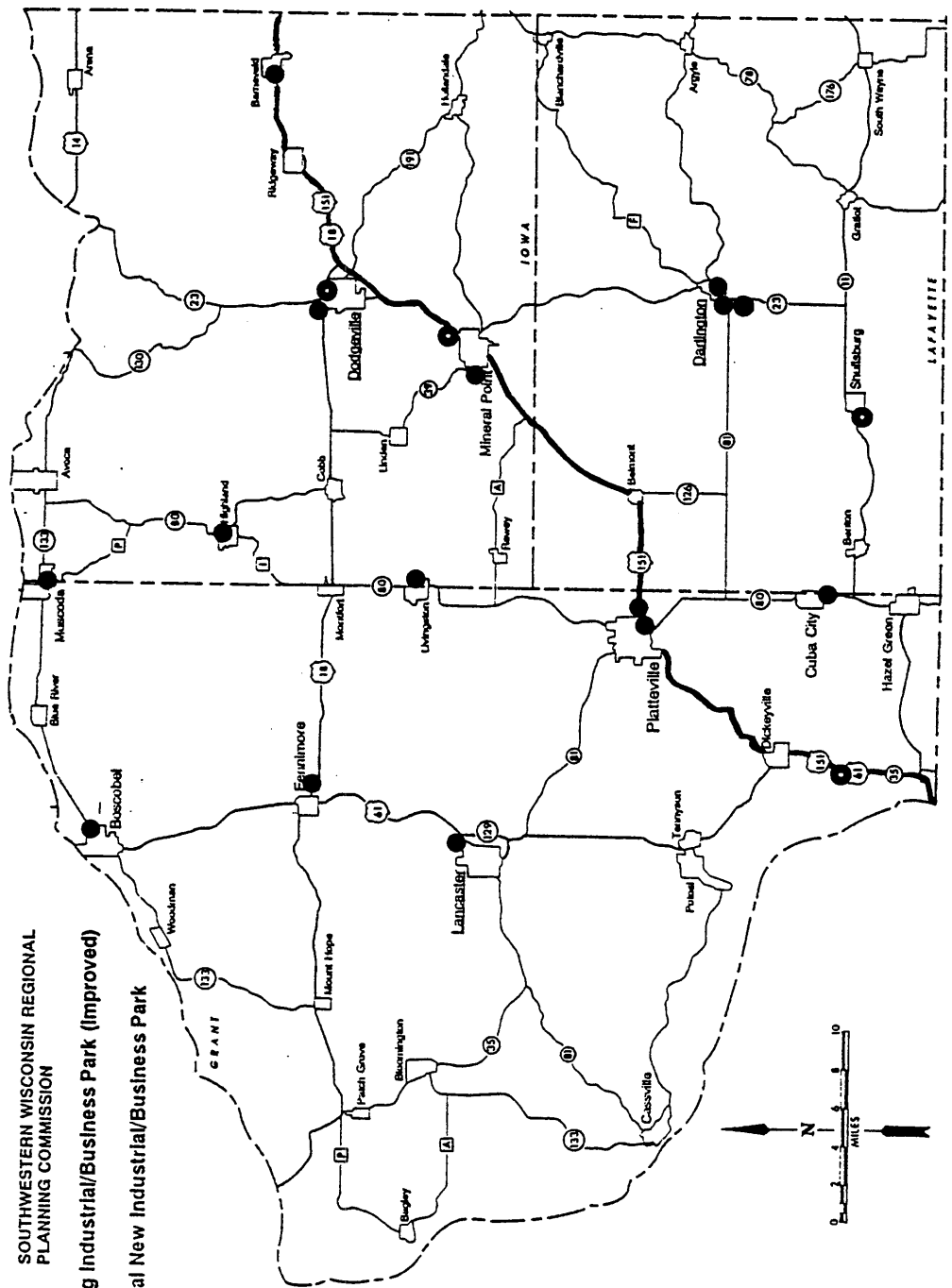
Village of Belmont:

USH 151 follows Mound Avenue through the village of Belmont, which is the village's main business street. This street divides the village, with residences and businesses on both sides. Current traffic volumes through the village average 6,500 vehicles per day. Truck traffic represents approximately 13 percent of this traffic. The village's elementary school is located within one block of the current route, and crossing guards are required for safe student crossings. The Belmont interchange will provide convenient access to the village's business district. In addition, the interchange will provide the opportunity for other new development.

MAP 3 EXISTING AND PLANNED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARKS



- Prepared By:
SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
- Existing Industrial/Business Park (Improved)
 - Potential New Industrial/Business Park



Village of Dickeyville:

The current USH 151 corridor extends through the center of Dickeyville, joining with USH 61/STH 35 traffic. Current traffic volumes through the village are over 15,000 vehicles per day, with a relatively high 13 percent being trucks.

Some highway-related businesses in the village may be negatively affected by a new bypass. However, this affect is expected to be offset by other development opportunities. A variety of interchange alternatives are being considered that will provide good access for existing businesses in these areas. Alternatives are also being developed that will minimize the impact the new highway will have on existing development.

City of Platteville:

On the Belmont to Dickeyville segment, the city of Platteville has an established industrial park on the current USH 151 corridor. The development of a four-lane highway and a bypass of Platteville will both improve the attractiveness of this location to new businesses and improve access safety for the park.

While some businesses along the existing corridor will be negatively affected by a new bypass route, these affects should be manageable. Platteville, itself, is a major destination. The existing USH 151 corridor is a well developed business district with department stores, restaurants and motels. The city anticipates three entrance points along the bypass, which will provide convenient access for businesses, community residents and travelers. In addition, access to a four-lane highway and the bypass is expected to create substantial new development opportunities.

VII. REGIONAL CONSENSUS

Appendix A contains resolutions and letters of support for the Belmont to Dickeyville project. These are only the most recent of many such actions taken over the years. The concept of improving USH 151 to a four-lane facility enjoys widespread and nearly unanimous support among the communities, counties, public agencies and individuals in southwestern Wisconsin. With regard to the present plan, as outlined in the Draft EIS, we are not aware of any serious opposition. Concerns that have been raised have generally been in regard to specific aspects of the plan, such as access and exact interchange change design and location. The counties of Grant, Iowa and Lafayette, and the communities of Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Belmont, Platteville and Dickeyville, along with the affected towns of Belmont, Paris, Platteville and Smelser have all taken action supporting the enumeration and construction of the project. Resolutions and letters of support have also been received from the Dubuque Metropolitan Transportation Study Committee, the Dubuque County Board and the Dubuque Chamber of Commerce.

APPENDIX A

LETTERS AND RESOLUTIONS

BELMONT TO DICKEYVILLE

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LETTERS AND RESOLUTIONS - BELMONT TO DICKEYVILLE

GRANT COUNTY

Grant County Board
City of Cuba City
City of Fennimore
City of Lancaster
City of Platteville
Village of Cassville
Village of Dickeyville

Village of Hazel Green
Village of Livingston
Village of Potosi
Village of Tennyson
Town of Paris
Town of Platteville
Town of Smelser

IOWA COUNTY

Iowa County Board
City of Dodgeville
City of Mineral Point
Village of Cobb

Village of Highland
Village of Linden
Town of Dodgeville
Town of Mineral Point

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Lafayette County Board
City of Darlington

Village of Belmont
Village of Shullsburg
Town of Belmont

REGIONAL AGENCIES, UW-PLATTEVILLE AND OTHER

S.W. Wis. Regional Planning Commission
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
S.W. Wisconsin Private Industry Council
Cooperative Educ. Service Agency #3
Platteville Board of Education

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College
Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and
Development Council
City of Verona
Senator Dale Schultz

BUSINESSES AND BUSINESS GROUPS

Platteville Area Industrial Dev. Corporation
Platteville Chamber of Commerce
Green County Development Corporation
Mineral Point Chamber of Commerce

Mississippi Valley Forest Products, Inc.
Insight Industries, Inc.
Brodbeck Enterprises
Woodward Communications, Inc.
Lencraft/Fendall Companies

STATE OF IOWA

Dubuque County Board
Dubuque Metropolitan Area
Transportation Study Committee

Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce

RESOLUTION NO.: 5/96

RESOLUTION URGING THE ENUMERATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF
U.S. HIGHWAY 151 BETWEEN BELMONT AND DICKEYVILLE
TO A FOUR-LANE EXPRESSWAY FACILITY

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 151 between Dubuque, Iowa, and Madison, Wisconsin, is an important segment of the state's highway system and is shown on the Wisconsin Corridors 2020 Plan as a four-lane highway; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 151 is currently a four-lane facility between Madison and Dodgeville, and between Dubuque and Dickeyville; and

WHEREAS, the Dodgeville to Belmont segment of this route has been the subject of a study completed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and its consultant, and was enumerated by the Major Transportation Projects Commission in 1994; and

WHEREAS, since January of 1995 the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, with assistance from Rust Environment & Infrastructure and in cooperation with the communities along the corridor and the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has been studying alternatives for a proposed four-lane route between Belmont and Dickeyville; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Rust have selected a preferred alternative route but the final route has not been selected and the process is open for additional comments; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the communities and citizens along the route is in support of the completion of a four-lane divided highway at the earliest possible opportunity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Continues to support the need for the construction of a four-lane divided highway on the U.S. Highway 151 route between Madison, Wisconsin, and Dubuque, Iowa.

2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility.

Presented and recommended for passage on the 21st day of May, 1996, by the Highway Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors, Lancaster, Wisconsin.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Clarence J. Schauff
Clarence J. Schauff, Chairman

Arnold Biefer, Jr.
Arnold Biefer, Jr., V. Chairman

Donald J. Splinter
Donald J. Splinter, Secretary

Martin F. Kieler
Martin F. Kieler

Ralph Noble
Ralph Noble

ATTEST:

I, Dorothea Eck, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on the 21st day of March, 1996.

Dorothea Eck
Dorothea Eck, Clerk

OK
JM

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WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the communities and citizens along the route is in support of the completion of a four-lane divided highway at the earliest possible opportunity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the
City of Cuba City **hereby:**

- 1. Continues to support the need for the construction of a four-lane divided highway on the U.S. Highway 151 route between Madison, Wisconsin, and Dubuque, Iowa.**
- 2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility.**

Dated this 7th **day of** May, 1996.

City of Cuba City - Common Council
(Name of Council, Board or Other Group)

Richard E. Davis Mayor
Signature

RESOLUTION NO. 5-28-96

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Fennimore, Grant County, Wisconsin hereby:

1. Continues to support the need for construction of a four-lane divided highway on the U.S. Highway 151 route between Madison, Wisconsin and Dubuque, Iowa.
2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility.

3. Supports the selection of either Alternative 1C, which will carry USH 151, USH 61 and STH 35 traffic around the west side of the Village of Dickeyville, or a modification to one of the other alternatives that would provide for a two lane connecting bypass around the southwest corner of the Village from USH 61 and STH 35 traffic.

Dated this 28th day of May, 1996.

Stephen A. Briehl
Stephen A. Briehl, Mayor
City of Fennimore

ATTEST:

Margaret A. Sprague
Margaret A. Sprague, City Clerk
City of Fennimore

CITY OF LANCASTER
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DICKEYVILLE HIGHWAY BYPASS

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation(WDOT) has initiated a corridor planning study for the improvement of USH 151 between Belmont and Dickeyville to a four lane facility; and

WHEREAS, the WDOT has contracted with the consulting firm of Rust Environment and Infrastructure(Rust) to develop alternative routes and complete environmental assessments of these alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Rust has developed several alternatives which have been presented for public review and comment, which bypass the Village of Dickeyville; and

WHEREAS, several of these alternatives bypass the Village of Dickeyville on the east, and will carry only USH 151 traffic, and one of these alternatives will bypass the Village of Dickeyville on the west and will carry USH 151, USH 61 and STH 35 traffic; and

WHEREAS, by serving traffic using USH 61 and STH 35 in addition to traffic on USH 151, the bypass Alternative identified as D-2, which bypasses the Village of Dickeyville on the west, will significantly improve the safety and convenience of the residents of Grant County and the traveling public using USH 61 and STH 35 as compared to the other alternatives under consideration.

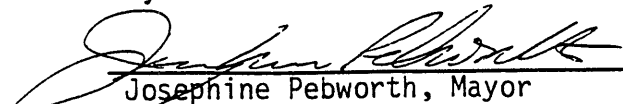
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lancaster that USH 151 is recognized as an important transportation link for all of Southwestern Wisconsin, and the State of Wisconsin, as a whole, and needs to be improved to a four-lane divided highway.


Be It Further Resolved, that USH 61 and STH 35 are also important transportation corridors serving Southwestern Wisconsin, Grant County and the City of Lancaster, and eliminating the need for traffic traveling on USH 61 and STH 35 to travel through the Village of Dickeyville will create significant safety and travel efficiency benefits for the residents of Grant County and the traveling public.

Be It Further Resolved, that the City of Lancaster supports the selection of Alternative D-2, which will carry USH 151, USH 61 and STH 35 traffic around the west side of the Village of Dickeyville, as part of the improvement of the USH 151 corridor between Madison Wisconsin and Dubuque, Iowa to a four lane highway.

Adopted this 26th day of June 1995.

City of Lancaster


Josephine Pebworth, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Karen Simon, Deputy City Clerk

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WHEREAS, the Department and Rust have selected a preferred alternative route but the final route has been not selected and the process is open for additional comments; and

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WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the communities and citizens along the route is in support of a four-lane divided highway at the earliest possible opportunity; and,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Platteville Common Council and the City of Platteville hereby:

- 1. Continues to support the need for the construction of a four-lane divided highway on the U.S. Highway 151 route between Madison, Wisconsin and Dubuque, Iowa.**

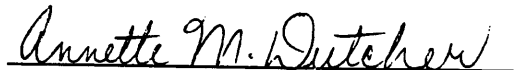
2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility.
3. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to recognize and consider the severity of the economic need for early completion of the Belmont to Dickeyville portion of the U.S. Highway 151 construction to a four-lane facility.

Dated this 28th day of May, 1996 in the City of Platteville.

The City of Platteville Common Council


Patricia Plourde, President

Attest:


Annette M. Dutcher
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION URGING THE ENUMERATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF
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WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the communities and citizens along the route is in support of the completion of a four-lane divided highway at the earliest possible opportunity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Hazel Green hereby:

- 1. Continues to support the need for the construction of a four-lane divided highway on the U.S. Highway 151 route between Madison, Wisconsin, and Dubuque, Iowa.**
- 2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility.**

Dated this 7th day of May, 1996.

Hazel Green Village Board
(Name of Council, Board or Other Group)

Alfred J. Heim, Village
Signature President

RESOLUTION #24-96

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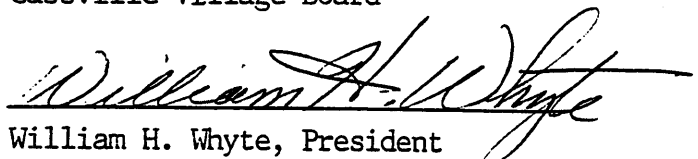
WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the communities and citizens along the route is in support of the completion of a four-lane divided highway at the earliest possible opportunity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Cassville hereby:

1. Continues to support the need for the construction of a four-lane divided highway on the U.S. Highway 151 route between Madison, Wisconsin, and Dubuque, Iowa.
2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility.

Dated this 13th day of May, 1996.

Cassville Village Board


William H. Whyte, President

ATTEST:


Betty L. Nelson, Clerk

Mary Lee Powell

P.O. Box 415

Dickeyville, WI 53808

Secretary, Hwy. 151 Bypass Committee

Dear Sir:

At a meeting on Monday, June 10 the Dickeyville Hwy. 151 bypass committee noted and passed a recommendation to be taken to the Village of Dickeyville urging the village to endorse and issue a resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Rust Engineering, endorsing Bypass Plan 1A modified. Plan 1A modified promotes Hwy. 151 bypass to the east with Hwy. 35/61 continuing through Dickeyville and preserves current business of Sunset Lanes and SC Data.

On Wednesday, June 12 at the regular Village board meeting, the board voted and formally approved the resolution to encourage the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to consider approving Alternative 1A Modified.

This letter is to strongly encourage your support for this project. Enclosed are copies of the resolutions passed by the Dickeyville Bypass Committee and the Village of Dickeyville.

Dickeyville Bypass Committee

Village of Dickeyville

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WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the communities and citizens along the route is in support of the completion of a four-lane divided highway at the earliest possible opportunity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dickeyville Village Board hereby:

1. Continues to support the need for the construction of a four-lane divided highway on the U.S. Highway 151 route between Madison, Wisconsin, and Dubuque, Iowa.
2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility, to include the Dickeyville Bypass Alternative 1A Modified.

Dated this 17th day of June, 1996.

John Kuipers
John Kuipers, Village President

Arlene Schultz
Arlene Schultz, Village Clerk

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WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the communities and citizens along the route is in support of the completion of a four-lane divided highway at the earliest possible opportunity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Dickeyville
Highway 151 Bypass Committee hereby:

1. Continues to support the need for the construction of a four-lane divided highway on the U.S. Highway 151 route between Madison, Wisconsin, and Dubuque, Iowa.
2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility, to include the Dickeyville Bypass Alternative 1A Modified.

Dated this 17 day of June, 1996.

Dickeyville Hwy 151 Bypass Committee
(Name of Council, Board or Other Group)

Shirley A. Hays
Secretary
John Kuepers
Co-Chairman
Co-Chairman

John Kuepers
Village President

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WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the communities and citizens along the route is in support of the completion of a four-lane divided highway at the earliest possible opportunity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Livingston **hereby:**

1. Continues to support the need for the construction of a four-lane divided highway on the U.S. Highway 151 route between Madison, Wisconsin, and Dubuque, Iowa.
2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility.

Dated this 7 May 96 **day of** _____, 1996.

Village of Livingston
(Name of Council, Board or Other Group)

Mervin F. Wunderlin
Signature

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WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the communities and citizens along the route is in support of the completion of a four-lane divided highway at the earliest possible opportunity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Potosi **hereby:**

- 1. Continues to support the need for the construction of a four-lane divided highway on the U.S. Highway 151 route between Madison, Wisconsin, and Dubuque, Iowa.**
- 2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility.**

Dated this 3rd **day of** June, 1996.

Potosi Village Board
(Name of Council, Board or Other Group)

[Signature]
Signature

Village of Tennyson

P.O. Box 172
Potosi, Wisconsin 53820

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DICKEYVILLE HIGHWAY BYPASS

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation(WDOT) has initiated a corridor planning study for the improvement of USH 151 between Belmont and Dickeyville to a four lane facility; and

WHEREAS, the WDOT has contracted with the consulting firm of Rust Environment and Infrastructure(Rust) to develop alternative routes and complete environmental assessments of these alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Rust has developed several alternatives which have been presented for public review and comment, which bypass the Village of Dickeyville; and

WHEREAS, several of these alternatives bypass the Village of Dickeyville on the east, and will carry only USH 151 traffic, and one of these alternatives will bypass the Village of Dickeyville on the west and will carry USH 151, USH 61 and STH 35 traffic; and

WHEREAS, by serving traffic using USH 61 and STH 35 in addition to traffic on USH 151, the bypass Alternative identified as D-2, which bypasses the Village of Dickeyville on the west, will significantly improve the safety and convenience of the residents of Grant County and the traveling public using USH 61 and STH 35 as compared to the other alternatives under consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Tennyson that USH 151 is recognized as an important transportation link for all of Southwestern Wisconsin, and the State of Wisconsin, as a whole, and needs to be improved to a four-lane divided highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that USH 61 and STH 35 are also important transportation corridors serving Southwestern Wisconsin and Grant County, and eliminating the need for traffic traveling on USH 61 and STH 35 to travel through the Village of Dickeyville will create significant safety and travel efficiency benefits for the residents of Grant County and the traveling public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Tennyson supports the selection of Alternative D-2, which will carry USH 151, USH 61 and STH 35 traffic around the west side of the Village of Dickeyville, as part of the improvement of the USH 151 corridor between Madison Wisconsin and Dubuque, Iowa to a four lane highway.

Adopted this 7th day of August 1995.

Joseph J. Kasper, Pres.
Stephen J. David, Clerk

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE USH 151 BYPASS
OF THE VILLAGE OF DICKEYVILLE WISCONSIN**

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WHEREAS, the Town of Paris and the Village of Dickeyville are in agreement that a full bypass of Dickeyville to the East is the preferable choice; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Paris has great concern for any of the alternate routes that continue to carry traffic thru the bottoms; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Paris Committee makes the following observations:

- 1. There is a need for USH 151 to become a four-lane divided highway.**
- 2. The north of Dickeyville re-connection to HWY 151 using Route 1B is preferred by the Town of Paris for the following reasons:**
 - a. it reduces the impact of flooding through the bottoms considerably over route 1A.**
 - b. it eliminates two substandard curves, which would be included in 1A.**
 - c. it reduces the number of homes in the Town of Paris that would be acquisitioned.**
 - d. it is a shorter, safer, more direct bypass route.**
- 3. An easterly bypass on the south end of Dickeyville combining both 1A/1A Modified is preferred.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the
TOWN OF PARIS**

that USH 151 is recognized as an important transportation link for the Town of Paris, Village of Dickeyville and the State of Wisconsin, as a whole, and needs to be improved to a four-lane divided highway.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town of Paris Board supports a selection of a bypass route that is a combination of both Route 1A/1B; the selection of Alternative 1-A as far as Busch Lane, trying to minimize the impact to homes on Busch Lane; from this point, continuing north, the Town of Paris then prefers Alternative Route 1B, staying east of homes on McAdam Road.

Presented and recommended for passage this 27 day of June, 1995, by the Paris Town Board.

Gerald C. Pitzen
Gerald Pitzen, Chairman

ATTEST:

I, Ann Kieler, Paris Town Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Paris Town Board on the 27 day of June, 1995.

Ann Kieler
Ann Kieler, Clerk

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Platteville Township hereby:

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- 2. Urges the Transportation Projects Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to enumerate the Belmont to Dickeyville segment of U.S. Highway 151 for timely construction to a four-lane facility.**

Dated this 8 day of July, 1996.

Platteville Town Board
(Name of Council, Board or Other Group)

Ken Olson, Chairman
Signature

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Dated this 14th day of May, 1996.

Town of Smolen
(Name of Council, Board or Other Group)

James C. Hinderman
Signature

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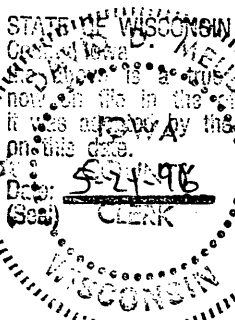
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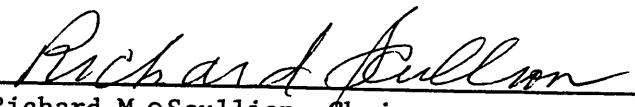
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby:

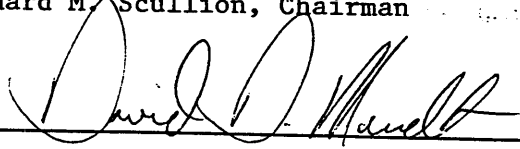
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Dated this 21st day of MAY, 1996.



I, David D. Meudt
do hereby certify that
this is a true and correct copy of the original
now on file in the office of the County Clerk and that
it was approved by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors
on this date.


Richard M. Scullion, Chairman


David D. Meudt, County Clerk